Dr. Heidegger’s Experiment **VOCABULARY WORDS**

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DIRECTIONS: WHILE READING USE CONTEXT CLUES TO DISCERN MEANING OF THE **WORD** BY ITS USE IN SENTENCE

THEN WRITE DICTIONARY DEFINTION THAT BEST FITS THE MEANING FOR WORD IN SENTENCE.

SAMPLE: VENERABLE

**Dictionary Defintion: IMPRESSIVE BY REASON OF AGE**

Sample sentence: *That very singular man, old Dr. Heidegger, once invited four* ***venerable*** *friends to meet him in his study.*

1. [vigor](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/vigor) **Dictionary Defintition**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *Mr. Medbourne, in the* ***vigor*** *of his age, had been a prosperous merchant, but had lost his all by a frantic speculation, and was now little better than a mendicant.*

1. [mendicant](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/mendicant) **Dictionary Definition**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. [obscure](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/obscure) - **Dictionary Defintion:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *Mr. Gascoigne was a ruined politician, a man of evil fame, or at least had been so till time had buried him from the knowledge of the present generation, and made him* ***obscure*** *instead of infamous.*

1. [scandalous](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/scandalous) **Dictionary Definition\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *As for the Widow Wycherly, tradition tells us that she was a great beauty in her day; but, for a long while past, she had lived in deep seclusion, on account of certain* ***scandalous*** *stories which had prejudiced the gentry of the town against her.*

1. [desirous](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/desirous) **Dictionary Definition**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *"My dear old friends," said Dr. Heidegger, motioning them to be seated, "I am* ***desirous*** *of your assistance in one of those little experiments with which I amuse myself here in my study."*

1. [ajar](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/ajar) **Dictionary Definition**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *In the obscurest corner of the room stood a tall and narrow oaken closet, with its door* ***ajar****, within which doubtfully appeared a skeleton.*

1. [relate](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/relate)  **Dictionary Definition**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *Among many wonderful stories* ***related*** *of this mirror, it was fabled that the spirits of all the doctor's deceased patients dwelt within its verge, and would stare him in the face whenever he looked thitherward.*

1. [verge](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/verge) **Dictionary Definition**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. [array](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/array) **Dictionary Definition:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *The opposite side of the chamber was ornamented with the full-length portrait of a young lady,* ***arrayed*** *in the faded magnificence of silk, satin, and brocade, and with a visage as faded as her dress.*

1. [brocade](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/brocade) **Dictionary Definition:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. [visage](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/visage) **Dictionary Definition**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. [ponderous](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/ponderous) **Dictionary Definition**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *The greatest curiosity of the study remains to be mentioned; it was a* ***ponderous*** *folio volume, bound in black leather, with massive silver clasps.*

1. [ghastly](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/ghastly) **Dictionary Definition:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *But it was well known to be a book of magic; and once, when a chambermaid had lifted it, merely to brush away the dust, the skeleton had rattled in its closet, the picture of the young lady had stepped one foot upon the floor, and several* ***ghastly*** *faces had peeped forth from the mirror; while the brazen head of Hippocrates frowned, and said,--"Forbear!"*

1. [brazen](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/brazen) **Dictionary Definition**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. [ashen](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/ashen) **Dictionary Definition:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *The sunshine came through the window, between the heavy festoons of two faded damask curtains, and fell directly across this vase; so that a mild splendor was reflected from it on the* ***ashen*** *visages of the five old people who sat around.*

1. [eccentricity](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/eccentricity) **Dictionary Definition:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *Now Dr. Heidegger was a very strange old gentleman, whose* ***eccentricity*** *had become the nucleus for a thousand fantastic stories.*

1. [veracious](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/veracious) **Dictionary Definition:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *Some of these fables, to my shame be it spoken, might possibly be traced back to my own* ***veracious*** *self; and if any passages of the present tale should startle the reader's faith, I must be content to bear the stigma of a fiction monger.*

1. [stigma](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/stigma) **Dictionary Definition:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. [pester](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/pester) **Dictionary Definition**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *When the doctor's four guests heard him talk of his proposed experiment, they anticipated nothing more wonderful than the murder of a mouse in an air pump, or the examination of a cobweb by the microscope, or some similar nonsense, with which he was constantly in the habit of* ***pestering*** *his intimates.*

1. [yonder](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/yonder)  **Dictionary Definition:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

EXAMPLE SENTENCE *It was given me by Sylvia Ward, whose portrait hangs* ***yonder****; and I meant to wear it in my bosom at our wedding.*

1. [deem](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/deem) **Dictionary Definition: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *Now, would you* ***deem*** *it possible that this rose of half a century could ever bloom again?"*

1. [revive](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/revive) **Dictionary Definition**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *The crushed and dried petals stirred, and assumed a deepening tinge of crimson, as if the flower were* ***reviving*** *from a deathlike slumber; the slender stalk and twigs of foliage became green; and there was the rose of half a century, looking as fresh as when Sylvia Ward had first given it to her lover.*

1. [effervescent](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/effervescent) **Dictionary Definition**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *It was apparently impregnated with an* ***effervescent*** *gas, for little bubbles were continually ascending from the depths of the glasses, and bursting in silvery spray at the surface.*

1. [beseech](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/beseech) (present verb tense ) **DictionaryDefinition**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *But Dr. Heidegger* ***besought*** *them to stay a moment.*

1. [repentance](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/repentance) **Dictionary Definition**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *The doctor's four venerable friends made him no answer, except by a feeble and tremulous laugh; so very ridiculous was the idea that, knowing how closely* ***repentance*** *treads behind the steps of error, they should ever go astray again.*

1. [astray](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/astray) **Dictionary Definition:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *The doctor's four venerable friends made him no answer, except by a feeble and tremulous laugh; so very ridiculous was the idea that, knowing how closely repentance treads behind the steps of error, they should ever go* ***astray*** *again.*

1. [impute](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/impute) **Dictionary Definition:**

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *The liquor, if it really possessed such virtues as Dr. Heidegger* ***imputed*** *to it, could not have been bestowed on four human beings who needed it more woefully.*

1. [dotage](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/dotage): **Dictionary Definition**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*They looked as if they had never known what youth or pleasure was, but had been the offspring of Nature's* ***dotage****, and always the gray, decrepit, sapless, miserable creatures, who now sat stooping round the doctor's table, without life enough in their souls or bodies to be animated even by the prospect of growing young again.*

1. [intoxicate](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/intoxicate) : Dictionary Definition:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *Meanwhile, the three gentlemen behaved in such a manner as proved that the water of the Fountain of Youth possessed some* ***intoxicating*** *qualities; unless, indeed, their exhilaration of spirits were merely a lightsome dizziness caused by the sudden removal of the weight of years.*

1. [vogue](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/vogue): **Dictionary Definition**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *Mr. Gascoigne's mind seemed to run on political topics, but whether relating to the past, present, or future, could not easily be determined, since the same ideas and phrases have been in* ***vogue*** *these fifty years.*

1. [deferential](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/deferential) (deference) **Dictionary Definition**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *Now he rattled forth full-throated sentences about patriotism, national glory, and the people's right; now he muttered some perilous stuff or other, in a sly and doubtful whisper, so cautiously that even his own conscience could scarcely catch the secret; and now, again, he spoke in measured accents, and a deeply* ***deferential*** *tone, as if a royal ear were listening to his well-turned periods.*

1. [complaisant](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/complaisant)  **Dictionary Definition**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *"Certainly, my dear madam, certainly!" replied the* ***complaisant*** *doctor; "see!*

1. [dispute](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/dispute) **Dictionary Definition**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *He sat in a high-backed, elaborately-carved, oaken arm-chair, with a gray dignity of aspect that might have well befitted that very Father Time, whose power had never been* ***disputed****, save by this fortunate company.*

1. [quaff](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/quaff) **Dictionary Definition:**

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *Even while* ***quaffing*** *the third draught of the Fountain of Youth, they were almost awed by the expression of his mysterious visage.*

1. [exuberant](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/exuberant) **Dictionary Definition:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *They were a group of merry youngsters, almost maddened with the* ***exuberant*** *frolicsomeness of their years.*

1. [decrepitude](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/decrepitude) **Dictionary Definition:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*The most singular effect of their gayety was an impulse to mock the infirmity and* ***decrepitude*** *of which they had so lately been the victims.*

1. [rheumatic](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/rheumatic) **Dictionary Definition**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *"I am old and* ***rheumatic****, and my dancing days were over long ago.*

1. [alight](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/alight) **Dictionary Definition**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *The precious Water of Youth flowed in a bright stream across the floor, moistening the wings of a butterfly, which, grown old in the decline of summer, had* ***alighted*** *there to die.*

1. [transient](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/transient) **Dictionary Definition**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *The Water of Youth possessed merely a virtue more* ***transient*** *than that of wine.*

1. [bemoan](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/bemoan) **Dictionary Definition**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE SENTENCE: *Well--I* ***bemoan*** *it not; for if the fountain gushed at my very doorstep, I would not stoop to bathe my lips in it--no, though its delirium were for years instead of moments.*